



Crowborough RFC Code of Conduct for Spectators

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1.0: Code of Conduct for Spectators:

All Spectators should:

- 1.1 Act as a role model for all players.
- 1.2 Respect guidance from the Club with regard to spectator behaviour
- 1.3 Respect the decisions of match officials, even if they appear to have made a mistake – remember, they are all volunteers who provide an opportunity for players to play rugby.
- 1.4 Comply with instructions from Club Officials, Match Officials and Coaching Teams. This is especially important when dealing with an accident or emergency.
- 1.5 Be familiar with, and abide by, the CRFC Safeguarding Policy in relation to verbal and emotional abuse which can be found on the Club's website (www.crowboroughrugby.com) under **(INFORMATION) - (POLICIES & PROCEDURES) - (SAFEGUARDING POLICY)**.
- 1.6 Remember that young players play rugby primarily for their own enjoyment, not for the enjoyment of the spectators.
- 1.7 Acknowledge good individual and team performance from all players irrespective of the team in which they play.
- 1.8 Never verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials or other spectators as such behaviour can create a negative environment for players and their behaviour will often reflect the behaviour of the spectators.
- 1.9 Always acknowledge effort and good performance rather than 'to win at all costs'.
- 1.10 Always provide positive verbal feedback to all players shouting 'for' not 'at' the players.
- 1.11 Encourage all players irrespective of their ability – never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team in which they play.
- 1.12 Support the Club in its efforts to eradicate coarse and abusive behaviour from the game. Remember young people learn much by example.
- 1.13 Always remain silent when a player is taking a penalty kick or a conversion.

Unacceptable behaviour will not, under any circumstance, be tolerated by the Club and may result in a spectator being excluded from the Club.